The Department of Tourism has a voluntary scheme of granting approval to hotels at the project and planning stage. Department of Tourism has granted project approvals to more than 155 hotels in the country.

(c) The Department of Tourism has asked all the State Governments and other land owning agencies including Indian Railways to allocate land for building hotels especially in the budget category. Department of Tourism has a scheme "Incentive to accommodation Infrastructure" under which subsidy of 10% of the principal loan is given to the hotel of budget and low-budget categories, subject to a maximum assistance of Rs.25 lakh for one star hotels; Rs.50 lakh for 2 star hotels and Rs. 75 lakh for 3 star hotels.

(d) Department of Tourism has not received any application from hotels in Orissa for getting itself approved at the project and planning stage.

Manuscripts from Orissa as National Property

2364. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SKRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

. (a) whether some manuscripts from Orissa have been recognized as national property;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of manuscripts that have been recorded and also those that have been estimated; and

(d) the action plan of the Centre to help the Orissa to preserve and protect these manuscripts and accord recognition as national property to more manuscripts?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) There is no system of formal recognition of manuscripts as national property. Orissa has a large collection of manuscripts, many of which are of national importance. The National Mission for Manuscripts has estimated the manuscripts wealth of Orissa as 10 lakhs. Out of this, 3.5 lakhs are documented.

(d) National Mission for Manuscripts has two Manuscripts Resource

Centres in Orissa *viz.,* Orissa State Museum in Bhubaneswar and 'SARASVATI in Bhadrak as nodal agencies. The Conservation work is done through the INTACH Orissa Art Conservation Centre, Bhubaneswar, AITIHYA, Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur University, Sambalpur. Further, the Pilot National Survey of Manuscripts was carried out in thirty districts of Orissa in November 2004 which located around 18,000 repositories and 3.5 lakh manuscripts. The National Manuscripts Mission has also initiated action for the digitization of the valuable illustrated palm leaf manuscripts of Orissa.

Tourism development projects

2365. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had committed for tourism development projects in India as per the agreement signed between her Ministry, Department of Economic Affairs and UNDP on 15th July, 2003;

(b) if so, how many projects have been running at present, State-wise and;

(c) the quantum of funds spent and the funds to be allocated for this projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The Government of India and United Nations Development Program me have signed an agreement for the development of endogenous tourism. Under this, UNDP has agreed for grant of a sum of US$ 2.5 million for development of Endogenous Tourism.

(b) The project is in operation in 36 rural sites spread across 20 States. Details of the projects sanctioned State-wise are enclosed as Statement. (See below)

(c) The Expenditure till date is as follows:

2003	US$43893
2004	US$946861
2005	US$600081

The balance US$ 9,09,165 will be spent in 2006 and 2007.